

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

DATE: March 5, 2008

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:33 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 6:31 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Ryan Vaughn, Chair
Vernon Brown
Ed Coleman
Bob Cockrum
Mary Moriarty Adams
William Oliver
Marilyn Pfisterer
Christine Scales

Absent Members

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 34, 2008 - appropriates \$25,000 in the Budget of the Marion County Justice Agency (Drug Free Community Fund) to fund a grant awarded to Drug Free Marion County, Inc. to cover the administrative expenses of that organization
"Do Pass"

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 90, 2008 - appoints David Bash to the Animal Care and Control Board
"Do Pass"

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 91, 2008 - appoints Edrose Potts, Jr. to the Law Enforcement Advisory Council
"Do Pass"

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 92, 2008 - appropriates \$136,836 in the 2008 Budget of the Marion County Community Corrections Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to provide a substance abuse treatment program for offenders at the Duvall Residential Work Release Center, financed by a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute
"Do Pass"

Vote: 8-0

PROPOSAL NO. 93, 2008 - appropriates \$72,046 in the 2008 Budget of the Marion County Forensic Services Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to reduce the backlog of DNA casework in the Marion County Crime Lab, financed by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in association with the National Institute of Justice
"Do Pass"

Vote: 8-0

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council met on Wednesday, March 5, 2008. Chair Ryan Vaughn called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Bob Cockrum, Ed Coleman, Mary Moriarty Adams, William Oliver, Marilyn Pfisterer, and Christine Scales.

PROPOSAL NO. 34, 2008 - appropriates \$25,000 in the Budget of the Marion County Justice Agency (Drug Free Community Fund) to fund a grant awarded to Drug Free Marion County, Inc. to cover the administrative expenses of that organization

Steve Dyson, Fiscal Deputy for the Marion County Justice Agency, said the additional appropriation is needed because, during the budget process last year the Drug Free Board asked what their total budget would be for 2008. He said after looking at their fund balance and projected revenues they were told that their budget would be approximately \$500,000. Mr. Dyson said they requested an additional \$25,000 with recommendations to the Criminal Justice Planning Council (CJPC) on how that money would be allocated. They later found out that the budget had already been advertised. The CJPC agreed to approve the allocation of \$525,000, with the understanding that the additional \$25,000 would be appropriated to match their allocation.

Councillor Moriarty Adams said that she was at the CJPC meeting when this was discussed, and the breakdown of funds was also discussed at the Public Safety and Criminal Justice committee meeting last year.

Councillor Scales asked for an explanation of the types of programs offered with the Drug Free program, and how the money is spent. Mr. Dyson said the requirements of the Drug Free funds are that the money has to be spent in three different areas: 1) prevention and education, 2) treatment, and 3) criminal justice. He said one-fourth of the money is given to each area and the money comes from funds collected from court fees.

[Clerk's note: The breakdown of the recommendations for the Drug Free Community Fund is attached as Exhibit A]

Councillor Cockrum moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to send Proposal No. 34, 2008 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 90, 2008 - appoints David Bash to the Animal Care and Control Board

Dr. Bash said that he is a physician in Indianapolis and has been on the medical staff at Community Hospital for about 30 years. He said he has taken an interest in animal welfare in the community and in trying to find ways for the community to improve things for animals. Dr. Bash said he has volunteered with various welfare

animal groups, and wants to be a part of leading the Animal Care and Control (ACC) Board to be proactive for the animals and the citizens of the community.

Councillor Scales said animal welfare groups have spoken very highly of Dr. Bash and his commitment to animal welfare and their desire to have him on the board.

Stacy Coleman, President of Indy Pit Crew, said Dr. Bash has shown great leadership in the animal welfare community and she supports Dr. Bash's appointment to the board. She went on to speak about her concern of the upcoming dog bite season and the problems that still exist at the ACC. Ms. Coleman asked the committee to investigate the problems at ACC.

Councillor Oliver asked Mr. Bash what his vision is for the board. Mr. Bash said ACC has already accomplished some remarkable things and he would like to see incremental gains made in a lot of areas without spending a lot of money. He said more aggressive spay/ neuter measures in the city will assist in reducing taxes. Mr. Bash said he would like to see the board move forward in the areas of protection of the community and less killing of animals in shelters.

Cynthia Morgan, citizen, said she would like to see more spay/neuter trailers in the neighborhoods. She encouraged animal owners to spay/neuter their animals.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Pfisterer, to send Proposal No. 90, 2008 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 91, 2008 - appoints Edrose Potts, Jr. to the Law Enforcement Advisory Council

Mr. Potts said he has served as a consultant for management, cost reduction, and efficiency improvement for major hospitals throughout the United States. He also served with Service Master, with the main focus on turn-around operations and increasing revenue. Mr. Potts said for the past few years, he has been working on crime prevention in the community, and is currently the Chairman of the Mid-North Public Safety Committee, and the Director of Public Safety for the Meridian-Kessler Neighborhood Association. He said that he participates in facilitating proactive involvement behind the scenes with different departments.

Chair Vaughn said that Mr. Potts has been very helpful in informing him of issues and concerns facing District 3.

Councillor Moriarty Adams moved, seconded by Councillor Pfisterer, to send Proposal No. 91, 2008 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 92, 2008 - appropriates \$136,836 in the 2008 Budget of the Marion County Community Corrections Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to provide a substance abuse treatment program for offenders at the Duvall Residential Work Release Center, financed by a grant from the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute

Brian Barton, Director of Community Corrections, said they received a grant from the Criminal Justice Institute to provide substance abuse treatment for the agency's new work release center. He said the agency works with Fairbanks to provide substance abuse treatment.

Chair Vaughn asked if there is a particular classification for those who stay in the work release center. Mr. Barton said they house all males, no sex offenders, at Duvall (new work release center), and their goal is to attain non-violent offenders. Chair Vaughn asked what percentage of people at Duvall participates in the treatment programs. Mr. Barton said Fairbanks has just started assessing the offenders; therefore, that number is not yet available.

Councillor Pfisterer asked for an update on the Duvall Center. Mr. Barton said there are 350 beds available, and they are currently using over 120 beds. The Department of Corrections (DOC) has expanded their work release program by giving 100 additional beds, and 80 of which are dedicated to re-entry. Mr. Barton said they are trying to break the mold of how they handle things and have experience more community involvement. Councillor Pfisterer asked if the DOC purchased beds for state inmates. Mr. Barton said that he preferred to work with Marion County residents on getting them jobs in the city and moving forward with living in the community.

Councillor Cockrum asked if any of the agency's offenders get involved with community service. Mr. Barton said they send offenders out to provide assistance to ACC and hope to concentrate in the Martindale-Brightwood and NESCO areas. He said they will limit their involvement because probation has a great work service and they do not want to duplicate services.

Councillor Brown indicated that he would like to be added as one of the sponsors of the proposal. He went on to commend the agency on the services they provide and said he is glad to see more funding being given to the agency. Councillor Brown asked if Mr. Barton has had the opportunity to bring Mayor Gregory Ballard and Director Scott Newman up to speed

on the work and need of the agency. Mr. Barton replied in the negative, and said he plans to meet with Director Newman soon.

Councillor Oliver asked if the drug treatment programs provide in-house testing. Mr. Barton replied in the affirmative, and said the program also provides classroom instruction. He said they test 20% of the offenders randomly. Councillor Oliver asked how often a violation occurs in the center. Mr. Barton said their biggest category of violations in the work center is failure to return.

Councillor Pfisterer moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to send Proposal No. 92, 2008 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 93, 2008 - appropriates \$72,046 in the 2008 Budget of the Marion County Forensic Services Agency (State and Federal Grants Fund) to reduce the backlog of DNA casework in the Marion County Crime Lab, financed by a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in association with the National Institute of Justice

Mike Medler, Director of the Forensic Services Agency (FSA), said this proposal is for DNA backlog reduction, and is something they have worked towards for years. He said this grant money will allow analysis to work overtime and has built off grant money from 2006.

Larry Schultz, Chief Financial Officer (CFO), said they have been receiving these grants for DNA work for the last four years, with cooperation from the Indiana State Police. He said every year the platform for the DNA grants are two-fold: 1) to enhance the capability of each applicant lab to do more technical work in the area of DNA and 2) to process and reduce backlogs. He said currently their backlog is not bad compared to other cities, only because they have been able to stay on top of the cases. Mr. Schultz said, of the \$72,046 of grant money, approximately \$43,000 will address overtime funding, approximately \$3,000 will pay the Federal Insurance Contribution Act (FICA), and the remaining will pay for additional supplies that are needed to perform DNA testing. He said the overtime funding will allow for 11 hours of overtime, with the goal to process an additional 53 cases. Mr. Schultz said the grant expires at the end of September, 2008.

Councillor Vaughn asked for a follow-up on backlog cases. Mr. Medler explained the backlog document (Exhibit B, attached), and said the backlog, to date, is 62 for DNA. He said a total of 1,666 cases were submitted and 1,724 cases were completed to date.

Councillor Cockrum asked if cases are exclusive to Marion County. Mr. Medler replied in the affirmative, and said they do not have the resources to take on cases for other

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counties. Councillor Cockrum asked what the other counties do when they do not have the resources to handle their cases. Mr. Medler said that the Indiana State Police handle those cases. Mr. Schultz said the FSA are chartered to handle only Marion County cases, including non-Unigov municipalities (i.e. Lawrence, Beech Grove, Speedway, etc.), and 25 different law enforcement agencies within Marion County.

Councillor Pfisterer asked if they anticipate getting more grant money. Mr. Medler replied in the affirmative, and said they have other grant money coming in for other reasons. Councillor Pfisterer asked if it would be possible to hire an individual that would work on drug testing and be self-funded by the grants coming from outside regions, while assisting Marion County. Mr. Medler said that is their plan, and they have drafted a proposal that the board has put a hold on for the present time.

Councillor Brown indicated that he would like to be added as a sponsor to this proposal and commended the agency for the work they have done to reduce the backlog. He said it is important that this agency continue to receive funding.

Councillor Cockrum asked if certain certification is required for their employees. Mr. Medler said they are an accredited laboratory; therefore, a science degree is needed for most of their laboratory positions.

Councillor Pfisterer moved, seconded by Councillor Moriarty Adams, to send Proposal No. 93, 2008 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0.

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan Vaughn, Chair
Public Safety and Criminal Justice Committee

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EXHIBIT A

Grant # Problem Objective Project Name		Organization Name	Recommended Amount	Amount Requested
5	1A-D-E Youth at Risk	Step-Up, Inc.	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
22	P1-2 Teens Choose	St. Francis Neighborhood Health	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
19	P-1-B FACT	Charian Health	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
25	1A-D-E Kaleidoscope	Kaleidoscope Youth Ctr.	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00
28	1A IU Nicotine Dependency Program at Fairbanks.	Fairbanks	\$17,067.00	\$17,066.67
20	1-A-B I Need You to Listen, Hear, & Understand Me	Health & Hospital Corp. of MC	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00
26	2A Parent Awareness About Drugs (PAAD)	Project Impact- Indianapolis	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00
29	2A-B-C Courage to Change	Amani Treatment Center	\$13,160.00	\$20,000.00
23	1? Brightwood/Forest Manor SCDC	MSD of Perry Township		\$20,000.00
2	1A SMART Moves	Boy's & Girl's Clubs of Indiana		\$20,000.00
8	1A-D-E Freedom Through the Arts	Purdue Extension MC		\$19,404.00
21	1C After School Prevention Program	Indy Parks and Recreation		\$9,810.00
16		Life Line Community Ctr.		\$12,080.00
15		Butler University		\$19,700.00
			\$138,727.00	\$256,560.67
	Treatment			
7	4D Assisted Living Program	Gallahue Mental H. -	\$19,710.00	\$19,710.00
30	4A Client Advocacy & Care Coordination	Family Service of Central Indiana	\$19,950.00	\$19,950.00
3	3A-3C Harbor Lights Detox Serv.	Salvation Army	\$19,590.00	\$20,000.00
18	4A Helping Fathers Recover Through Faith	Fathers and Families Center	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00
12	3B Treatment Plus Health Project	Pathway to Recovery, Inc.	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00

2008 DRUG FREE COMMUNITY FUND - GRANT RECOMMENDATIONS

11	4A-E	Bethlehem House	Bethlehem House	-	\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00
9	4A	Functional Needs Resource Coordination Project	CASI		\$18,000.00	\$20,000.00
27	4E	Survey Research Ctr.	Survey Research Center			\$20,000.00
13	4B	Peer Mentor Recovery Dynamics Program	HVAF of Indiana, Inc.			\$20,000.00
17	4E	Evaluation of "The Next Generation at Risk"	John P. Craine House, Inc.			\$20,000.00
					\$131,250.00	\$199,660.00
		Criminal Justice				
4	5E-F	Community Crt. Resource	Marion Superior Court		\$43,750.00	\$45,669.00
6	5A-D	Women Taking Charge	Step-Up, Inc.		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
10	5A-D	Marion County Drug TX Ct.	Marion County Superior Court		\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
24	5F	Narcotics Eviction Program	Marion County Prosecutor's Office		\$47,500.00	\$52,161.34
14	5E	Sentencing Project	MC Public Defender			\$20,485.00
					\$131,250.00	\$158,315.34
		Miscellaneous/Administration				
		Drug Free Marion County	Drug Free Marion County		\$123,773.00	\$115,841.54
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			TOTALS		\$525,000.00	\$670,232.55

EXHIBIT B

Discipline	2007												Backlog
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Questioned Documents	0	5	9	10	10	5	5	5	8	8	6	7	3.0 Weeks
Trace Chemistry	268	300	335	255	308	344	340	353	290	277	269	274	19.2 Weeks
Autopsy/Rape	74	97	54	54	43	19	10	11	8	5	10	11	0.6 Weeks
Crime Scene	118	159	165	188	211	248	165	165	70	74	110	87	5.8 Weeks
Drug Chemistry	111	124	78	81	98	88	41	57	66	60	84	43	0.5 Weeks
Latent Print Processing	210	211	179	156	138	160	156	177	177	187	176	193	8.0 Weeks
Latent Print Examinations	22	22	12	7	9	17	17	27	16	16	17	23	4.9 Weeks
Firearms/Toolmarks	350	345	312	304	302	270	257	258	242	242	263	282	22.8 Weeks
NIBIN	113	112	78	75	70	53	61	60	86	72	67	74	10.1 Weeks
Biology	88	102	107	100	118	130	148	168	168	166	173	197	31.0 Weeks
DNA	35	37	42	46	53	53	49	49	41	50	51	60	17.5 Weeks
DNA (Less Outsourcing)	23	25	37	41	53	46	43	43	37	46	47	56	16.4 Weeks

Discipline	2008												Backlog
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Questioned Documents	2	3											1.3 Weeks
Trace Chemistry	262	229											16.0 Weeks
Autopsy/Rape	16	9											0.5 Weeks
Crime Scene	129	70											4.7 Weeks
Drug Chemistry	56	60											0.7 Weeks
Latent Print Processing	205	186											7.7 Weeks
Latent Print Examinations	26	30											6.4 Weeks
Firearms/Toolmarks	254	237											18.1 Weeks
NIBIN	77	58											7.9 Weeks
Biology	204	198											31.2 Weeks
DNA	62	62											18.1 Weeks
DNA (Less Outsourcing)	53	53											15.5 Weeks

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